
LIBRARY NEWS

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*Preserving the Past—
Building for the Future*



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LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES

A Report from the Chair

by Sue Sargent

With the holidays rapidly approaching, this is the traditional time for many worthy organizations to ask for financial support for the coming year—and the library is no exception. And like many non-profits, we are experiencing increased utilization of our programs and services at a time when we are dealing with a fairly severe drop in our endowment income.

You are probably receiving this newsletter in a mailing asking for your support of our annual operating campaign. Please take a few extra minutes to think about what the library means to many of our neighbors.

- the parents who don't have the extra money to buy books for their children or provide them with Internet access;
- the young people who have been borrowing movies because they can't afford to pay for the ticket at the theater;
- the adults who have been using our facilities to prepare resumé's and conduct job searches.

Please consider matching or even increasing your prior support for the library during this very difficult time for so many others in our community. Even a slightly larger contribution from you can make a big difference to someone depending on the library's services.



Successful September Flea Market Fundraiser

The library's Small Events Committee organized a Flea Market/Ice Cream Social/Friends of the Morristown Centennial Library and Capital Campaign Kick-off at the end of September 2009. Crowds turned out to find bargains and treasures on this beautiful autumn day. We raised over \$2,000 to go toward the Capital Campaign for Renovations and the new library addition. A "footprint" was spray-painted on the ground to show the new addition's outline and architectural drawings of the brick addition that will be attached to the back of the existing library were available for the public's inspection. We are planning to break ground and begin construction in the spring of 2010!

Eagle Scout Project Benefits Library

Local Boy Scout, Chris McConnell, has completed work for his Eagle Scout badge. Using John Duffy's design, he has made two more bike racks for use at the library. Also, he completed a new World War II plaque honoring local soldiers. With support from Alpine Snow Guard and Absolute Precision, both supplying materials, and Donnie Blake, who helped with the wood frame, he presented the plaque to the VFW who will hold it until there is a place in the library addition for it. The old plaque was worn and needed replacing.

**THE MORRISTOWN
CENTENNIAL LIBRARY**

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Hours:

Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday 10:00 to 5:30 pm
Friday 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

When the library is closed,
returns may be made to the box
located outside the front door.

The Morristown Centennial Library building was constructed in 1915 and is one of four Carnegie Libraries in the state. The library is funded by a town appropriation and income from its endowment. Gifts to the endowment are always welcome.

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centenniallibrary.org

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MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Vinick Resigns from Board

The Board of Trustees regrettably accepted Lisa Vinick's resignation from the board. Lisa has contributed greatly to many of the library's projects and will be missed. We're hoping that she'll still find the time to work on library events, especially our annual July 4th book sale. Many thanks, Lisa, for all of your hard work.



WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Family Decorating Party — December 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library. Families can create holiday ornaments out of paper, wood, and even socks. Materials provided.

Morristown Knitters — Every Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Alice Martin, instructor, 888-7940. Knitters of every level of experience welcome. Current projects to be photographed on November 25.

Winter Reading and Discussion Group — Meets every two weeks at the library at 7 p.m. The theme is "Earth Tones." Contact the library at 888-3853 or Frances Ruggles at 888-2616 for information and availability of books. *Under the Sea Wind*, by Rachel Carson, January 7; *Hunting for Hope: A Father's Journey*, by Scott Russell Sanders, January 21; *A Friend of the Earth*, by T. C. Boyle, February 4; *Mean Spirit*, by Linda Hogan, February 18; and *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*, by Thomas Berry,

Bridge Lessons — Every Tuesday night. At least 4 players needed!

Cooking Series — More details will be announced in January 2010.

For more information about these programs please call the library at 888-3853.

Mission Statement

The Morristown Centennial Library's mission is to further our community's commitment to literacy and broad public access to information, sharing the advantages and joys of reading and lifelong learning with as many members of our community as possible.

To achieve its mission the library is dedicated to

- providing a comfortable and welcoming environment,
- offering high quality services and programs that are responsive to our community's wants and needs, and
- honoring patrons' rights to privacy, confidentiality and intellectual freedom.